

**Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute
Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2008
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services**

**NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LHRC
AT ITS NEXT MEETING. SHOULD REVISIONS BE MADE, THEY WILL BE
INCLUDED AS AN ITEM IN THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING.**

Minutes approved at the December 2, 2008 meeting.

LHRC Members in Attendance: Greg Casker, Esther Goins, and Verna Hendrickson

LHRC Members not in Attendance: Thelma Wright, Jeff Rodden and Lesa Shelton

Affiliates in Attendance: Elizabeth Scott, Alternative Community Services; Brandi Motley and Stanley Cousins, Wall Residences; Rena Howard, Mindy Conley, Laurie Gambardella, Cindy Lovell and Jim Bebeau, Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services; Monica Edwards, Hughes Center for Exceptional Children; Jim Rosenbaun, All Care Family Services and Mary Boyd, Harmony House

Other Representatives in Attendance: Loretta Abbott, SVMHI Representatives; Sherry Miles, Regional Advocate and Roanna Deal, SVMHI Patient Advocate

Minutes Recorder: Naomi Gibson, SVMHI

LHRC Minutes & Meeting Schedule:

The Local Human Rights Committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ www.svmhi.dmhmrzas.virginia.gov under the heading of Client Advocacy.

Welcome/Call To Order:

Chairman Greg Casker called to order the October 21, 2008 meeting of the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute (SVMHI) Local Human Rights Committee at 4:03 p.m.
Chairman Casker welcomed all attendees.

Approval of Minutes:

Due to not having a quorum the Committee was unable to approve the minutes of August 8, 2006.

Regional Advocate Report:

Ms. Miles reported issues concerning the budget cuts with the next round of cuts within the next month.

Ms. Miles reminded agencies the importance of documentation and make sure that the documentation is clear. This protects the agency and clients.

Facility Representative Report

Loretta Abbott reported the budget cuts have also affected SVMHI. The Facility Director will hold a meeting with staff later this week to discuss the cuts and how it will affect SVMHI. Because of funds being allocated before the budget cuts renovation to the civil and forensic unit will continue as planned.

Facility Advocate Report:

Ms. Deal gave the data for SVMHI.

Updates:

Ms. Scott with ACE Services advised the LHRC that in September their agency officially opened a new site which has the capacity to accommodate an estimated 30 clients and is located on Franklin Turnpike. This is ACE's third new site to open.

Mr. Cousins noted his affiliation request for Wall Residences for Mental Health Supports can wait until the December meeting. Mr. Cousins noted that Wall Residences has moved into a new facility on September 25th in Floyd County. More information regarding their agency can be found on their web site @ www.wallsresidences.com

Affiliate Reports:

Danville Pittsylvania Community Services

DPCS – Behavioral Health Services

Behavioral Health Services had no complaints to report.

There is a budget reduction of about \$400 thousand dollars; plans are now being made for those cuts.

The integration of mental health and substance abuse into one service has transpired well and is now called the Behavioral Health Services

The PSR Program Harmony House has moved into their new location and plans are being made for an open house.

DPCS – Intellectual Disability Services

There was one complaint report and resolved.

The Mental Retardation Services has changed their name to Intellectual Disabilities Services.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute in the Norman Auditorium.

Affiliates Scheduled To Report at December Meeting:

ACE

All Care Family Services

Blue Ridge Residential

DePaul Family Services Clinical

Family Preservation

Lamano Agency

Strategic Therapy

Adjournment Open Meeting:

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Closed Session:

The meeting went into closed session at 4:25 p.m.

Brandy Motley and Stanley Cousins reported both of their Behavioral Management Plan Reviews can wait until the December meeting.

Arrangements were made for a polycom conference to be set up at the next LHRC meeting regarding a client.

Adjournment Closed Session Meeting:

The closed session meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.